

Members Present:

Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Dr. Earnestine Willis, Linda Davis, Arlene Happach, Mary Sowinski for John Chisholm, Chris Holmes, Maria Rodriguez, Judge Marshall Murray, Judge Michael Skwierwaski. Colleen Ellingson and Francine Feinberg participated via telephone.

CAP VIII Complaint Resolution Reports, Mark Sarvela, BPM/PRES

CAP VIII Report

Mark Sarvela presented outcomes for Corrective Action Plan VIII for the months of April, May and June of 2012. The two remaining enforceable provisions of the Settlement Agreement are reunification within 12 months of placement in out of home care and placement stability. The Bureau has reached the performance standard for reunification for two consecutive six-month periods.

Complaint Resolution Report

Mark presented the quarterly Complaint Resolution Report for April through June of 2012. The objective of the complaint resolution process is to resolve client complaints effectively and efficiently. This report identifies patterns and trends among complaints received by the Bureau.

Committee Reports

Critical Incident Review Committee, Judge Michael Skwierwaski

Judge Skwierwaski presented an overview of the work of the Critical Incident Review Committee:

- Committee meets to review critical/egregious incidents handled by the Bureau and make recommendations for improvement.
- Recommendations cover the areas of policies and practice; training and retraining; quality assurance and personnel.

Budget Committee, Linda Davis

The Budget committee has made the following recommendations:

- Maintain/continue all current funding.
- Increase foster parent reimbursement.
- Expand funding for independent living preparation services and offer support to youth aging out of foster care.
- Expand one educational liaison position to two positions.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve recommendations made by the Partnership Council Budgetary Committee.

By-Laws Ad hoc Committee, Christine Holmes

Copies of the revised Partnership Council By-Laws were distributed for review.
A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the new By-Laws.

The new by-laws eliminated the Partnership Council Executive Committee and its regularly scheduled meetings. A new schedule of upcoming Partnership Council meetings will be provided.

Model Court Update, Judge Murray

Judge Murray explained the Model Court program.

Access and Initial Assessment Review, Mary Pat Bohn

Mary Pat explained the processes involved in Access and Initial Assessment at the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

Updates

Amy Herbst – CSSW

Amy announced the “Together for Children” conference to be held in 2013. Anyone who is interested in volunteering, planning or presenting should contact Amy.

Amy described the “Milwaukee Succeeds” program. Mike Soika of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation is the new director.

Mike Boeder, IFS

IFS/St. Aemilian-Lakeside is working on a case management grant related to housing.

Paul Moeller, CIP/PSG

Things are settling down and going well since the transition.

Community Forum

No requests to speak.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Zellner